

- (vi) LPG Bottling Plant at Bongaigaon has been set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 30.68 crores.
- (vii) 3 industrial growth centres at a cost of Rs. 20 crores each have been sanctioned at Chariduar, Matia and Sonapur.
- (viii) Implementation of PMs initiative announced in 1996.
- (ix) Implementation of Agenda for Socio-economic Development of NE States announced by the PM in Shillong Conference held in January, 2000.

(b) No orders have yet been passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Writ Petition filed before it challenging the constitutional validity of the IMDT Act, 1983.

Union Territory status to frontier district of Kutch

†1218. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transformation of the frontier district of Kutch into Union Territory is under serious consideration of Government so that the surveillance of the same be made directly by the Central Government;

(b) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken;

(c) whether Government of Gujarat have completely failed in developing and providing security to the frontier area like Kutch and often the incidence of infiltration and smuggling has been taking place; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no evidence to suggest that the Government of Gujarat have failed to provide security in the frontier areas like Kutch and to check incidence of infiltration and smuggling.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

In order to strengthen the existing enforcements, the Government of India has approved the proposal for construction of fencing/flood-lighting on raised embankment, construction of link-roads, border-roads and border outposts in 310 Sq. Kms. area of Rann of Kutch of Gujarat sector. This project is expected to be completed by March, 2004. Further, Government has decided to deploy six floating Border Out Posts (BOPs) in creek area of Gujarat sector for domination of this area and to check infiltration from across the border.

Crimes in the country

1219. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the incidence of crimes per lakh population under Cr. PC reported in the country during the period 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) what steps Government have taken to arrest the trend of crimes in the country; and

(c) the percentage of economic crime and social crimes out of total crimes reported separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (c) The available incidence of crime per lakh of population and percentage of economic crimes to total IPC crimes during 1999, State/Union Territory-wise is enclosed as statement (*See below*). Similar data for 2000 is not yet available.

(b) "Police" and "Public Order" being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. Nonetheless, the Government of India have been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give focussed attention to improving the law and order situation and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes.